

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please delete the originally filed text at page 1, lines 2-14 (immediately after the title) as follows:

Related Applications

~~The present application claims the benefit of and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/892,403, filed July 15, 1997; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/047,634 filed May 23, 1997; 60/046,141 filed May 9, 1997; and 60/021,773, filed July 15, 1996, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.~~

Please amend the text added at page 1 after the title on July 18, 2007 as follows:

Related Applications

~~This~~ The present application is a continuation of the prior application Serial No. 09/291,894, filed April 13, 1999, and issued February 10, 2004 as U.S. Patent 6,688,367, the benefit of the filing date of which is hereby claimed under 35 USC 120, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/892,403 filed July 15, 1997 and issued July 1, 2003 as U.S. Patent 6,587,534, which in turn ~~is a continuation-in-part~~ claims priority under 35 USC § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/047,634 filed May 23, 1997 and now abandoned, 60/046,141 filed May 9, 1997 and now abandoned, and 60/021,773 filed July 15, 1996 and now abandoned, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.